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REMARKS

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1. In April and May 1951, the Eisenbahn Pionier Kaserne in Rehagen was occupied by an AT artillery unit, probably of the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Meck Army, which had 500 to 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit was commanded by a colonel whose sedan was numbered C 8-34-09. Six majors and other officers were observed with the unit. Weapons included 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 3 x 120-mm guns, 2 armored half-track vehicles, and 60 to 70 motor vehicles, including some with numbers of series of the Third Gds Meck Army.
2. The barracks installation on Schenke Lake, northwest of Sperenberg quartered an engineer unit, probably of the Third Gds Meck Army, which had 600 men who wore black-bordered black epaulets. The unit was said to be commanded by Major Tionov (fnu). Its equipment included six motorboats and an unknown number of pontoons. The unit allegedly moved to Wittenberg on the Elbe River in early April 1951, leaving behind a rear detail of 40 men. The installation possibly also quartered a training unit of about 200 men.
3. The Panzer Kaserne at the Kummersdorf artillery range was occupied by an unidentified tank unit and a tank repair shop. Two hundred men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed there in late May 1951. Materiel observed at the installation included 5 JS-3 tanks, 2 T-34 tanks, 9 SP guns, 1 truck with a number of the Third Gds Meck Army, and 12 trucks with numbers of the 14th Gds Meck Div.
4. The Artillerie Kaserne at the Kummersdorf artillery range quartered an artillery unit, probably of the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Meck Army, which had about 800 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. One Zilenko (fnu) was supply officer of the unit. An unidentified number of 76.2-mm guns were seen. It was said that most of the troops left for firing practice in mid-April and would not return before the end of June.
5. The former officers' mess at the Kummersdorf artillery range was occupied by an AAA unit which probably belonged to the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Meck Army. One Sebastianov (fnu) was supply officer of the unit. Four 75-mm AA guns and 5 trucks with numbers of the unidentified AAA division were seen.

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6. The former range headquarters building at the Kummerdorf artillery range allegedly housed a Soviet headquarters.
7. Quarters for air force personnel.
8. Storehouses for vehicle tires. *

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* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The paragraph numbers of the report containing descriptions of the installations, correspond to the installation numbers indexed on the annexed ozalid print. This print is to be superimposed on plane table sheets No 3846 and 3946. The location of the officers' mess and the range headquarters building at the Kummerdorf artillery range have not been precisely determined.

1 Annex: 1 - ozalid print.

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